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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Item 4 (a)

Section 23
Regular programme of technical cooperation

1. At its 15th meeting, on 19 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 23, Regular programme of technical cooperation, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 23 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the proposals under this section. It was emphasized that this section played an important role in supporting national development efforts of developing countries. The recognition of the role of the regional commissions in the provision of important technical cooperation services to the developing countries was also expressed.

4. The view was expressed that technical cooperation activities should be funded through extrabudgetary resources and implemented by specialized agencies and other entities and funds of the United Nations. It was also pointed out that technical cooperation, advisory services and capacity-building should be implemented by

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regional commissions and specialized agencies. The view was also expressed that the engagement of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in providing technical cooperation services detracted from its primary mission of providing substantive support to intergovernmental processes.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. **The Committee reaffirmed the importance of the role of the regional commissions in, and their capacity to deliver, effective and efficient technical cooperation.**

6. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 23, Regular programme of technical cooperation, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications, as well as the provisions in the foreword and introduction:**

Paragraph 23.35

(a) (i) In the first sentence, replace the words "especially in least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition" with the words "especially in the developing countries and countries with economies in transition, particularly least developed, landlocked and island developing countries";

(e) (i) In the tenth line, after the word "developing", insert the words "energy efficiency, advanced fossil fuel technology and";

(e) (ii) In the fifth line, replace the words "renewable energy" with the words "implementation of paragraph 20 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, on energy";

(f) (i) In the second line, replace the words "particularly of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition" with the words "especially of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition, particularly least developed, landlocked and island developing countries";

(g) (iii) Replace paragraph 23.35 (g) (iii) with the following: "Field project on addressing social development including emerging social issues".